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THE BEE PUBLISHING COMPANY, PROPRIETORS.

E. ROSEWATER, EDITOR. GENERAL HOWARD can now "bid fare well to every fear, and wipe his weeping

THE gas company has all along maintained the offensive. The ordinance to take away its franchise puts it on the de-

SINCE the return of those eloquent orators, Messrs, Leeder and Ford, the city council has been infused with new life and interest.

THERE is no change in the situation on the Gould system. If the strike continues much longer, there will be no change in the Gould treasury.

MR. BEECHER estimates his earnings during the last forty years at \$750,000. Mr. Beecher evidently hasn't worked for a dollar a day and lived on a bread and water diet.

If the street car companies want to use the viaducts they must pay for the privilege. Omaha has been too lavish in giving away rights of way to public corporations.

DR. MILLER is on his way back from the east. We violate no confidence in stating that his tomahawk is still unstained and that he brings no scalps dangling at his belt.

THE president has asked for the resignation of Gov. Eli Murray, of Utah. The news will be received with deep satisfaction by John Taylor, George Q. Cannon and the rest of Zion's exiles.

St. Patrick's destruction of the snakes In Ireland is being celebrated to-day by the Nationalists, who are engaged in driving the reptilian gang of evictors, informers and agents from Erin's soil.

Another savings bank east has burst and the cashier is found to be \$75,000 in his funds. The fact that the trains didn't connect well between New Brunswick and Montreal accounts for the fact that the cashier was found at all.

If the rate cutting continues even a tramp will soon be able to ride in firstclass style from San Francisco to Omaha. The fare is now five dollars. At the end of the week a premium will be offered

ST. PAUL is urged by the Pioneer Press to adopt the plan of paying the cost of Local improvements by bonds issued against the property improved, interest and sinking fund to be provided by an annual tax charge on the owner. This is, in effect, the plan under which Omaha has been conducting her public improvements for several years with eminent satisfaction to all parties concerned.

Close upon Secretary Lamar's decision that a commuted homestead cannot be set aside as a second pre-emption, comes word that the pre-emption law will certainly be repealed at the present session of congress. The liberality of the land laws has been of incalculable benefit in settling up the west, but the time has come when the interests of the country can be fully served by the homestead

THE council seems to be in favor of charging the street railway company an annual rental for the use of the Eleventh street viaduct. This is an opportunity of trying the effect of disposing of valuable ranchises so as to make them produce a easonable revenue for the city. There is just as good reason for making a railway corporation pay for a franchise obtained from the city as there is for compolling it to pay for the right of way through private property.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS has been telling the Harvard students that the time is coming when college graduates will displace the self-made and self-educated men at the head of the Union Pacific and other great railway corporations. This is really encouraging to the students, who now, do doubt, will all look forward to becoming full-fledged railway manugers immediately after graduation. Wo should not be surprised to see a department of railway management established at an early day at old Harvard, with Charles Francis Adams occupying the principal chair. The self-educated and olf-made railway managers must go. The college-bred men who are to be their successors can water stock just as well.

It is rather a singular coincidence that an anti-tobacco crusade was started in ston and Omaha at about the same sime. In Boston a Congregational parson was called to account for smoking and in his reply to his congregation he denounced eigarettes, especially for use by boys, but he ably defended the smoking of a good eight by a full trown man. His defense, however, coording to the dispatch published elsewhere, was not in harmony with a majority of his audience. In Omaha a Baptist minister has been arraigned by a member of his flock for smoking. The indictment did not specify whether he smoked a good eigar, or a two-for-five. or a pipe, but as the gentleman is known to be a person of somewhat refined taste, we take it for granted that he has been puffing a two for a quarter cigar. However, his congregation stands by him, and he will continue to minister unto the flock. It is fair to presume that he will not refuse a good eigar, or even a box. when offered to him by one of his parishStrangled by Monopoly.

The entire front page of the New York Telegram of Saturday is taken up with a cartoon of the labor Lacoon and his children, Commerce and Agriculture, writhing in the coils of the railroad anaconda. Over this suggestive picture is the title "Strangled by Monopoly," and beneath it are the words "The Real Cause of the Strike." The present strike on the Gould system is not, as the great railroad wrecker has stated the walkout, of large numbers of men to benefit one man, but it is the protest of the employes of a great railroad system against a long series of abuses put into operation and carried out to increase the millions of a single capitalist. Mr. Jay Gonld will not deceive the public. The abuses of management in corporate monopolies have been responsible for the great railroad strikes of 1877, 1884 and 1886. Reckless jobbery in the stocks of the road, dishonest manipulation of the securities, deluges of "water" injected into the capital, bankrupt systems struggling to pay the interest on their bonds have all been followed by sweeping reductions in the wages of employes and oppressive exactions to secure more work for less pay. In every instance where the crimes of the railway kings have rendered economy necessary the pruning knife has been applied not to the salaries of the high priced officials but to the wages of the poorly paid employes. Labor troubles have been instigated by trouble in the treasurers office and the protests of the workingmen have naturally followed. Back of all the strikes and walkouts and boycotts among the employes of the corporate monopoly lies the dishonest management of the corporations and the wrongs which combined capital in the hands of the railroad wreckers visits upon labor in order to bolster up its schemes for further robbery of the public. Behind the troubles of the street railways in New York lay the insensate greed of grasping capitalists not content with 20 per cent dividends on their inflated stock and anxious to roll up still heavier profits out of the sweat of their toiling drivers. The same evil precipitated the coke troubles, the iron mills strike, the puddlers' and miners' walk outs. Monopoly, entrenched behind millions of capital, with no other aim but to pile up the wealth of its promotors, levies its contribution first upon labor in its employ, while it taxes commerce and agriculture to the limit which "the traffic will bear." "Never in the history of the world," said a prominent New York merchant recently, "have we seen such enormous accumulations of wealth suddenly acquired by any class as we have seen in this country during the last quarter of a century through the careers taxing all other classes in the community

\$200,000,000. Within the same time the Central Pacific quartet have, it is estimated, extorted from the public more than \$250,000,000. Twenty-five years ago Jay Gould was not rated as a single millionaire; within two years he exhibited to an admiring group of Wall street friends railroad securities, variously estimated, worth from \$50,000,000 to \$75,000,000, and it was announced that this was only a portion of his gains. The men connected with our transportation system, who are rated at \$10,000,000 and upwards are too numerous to mention, and by far the greater portion of this has been accumulated within twenty years. The coils of the monopoly anaconda hold labor, commerce and industry in its grasp, and indignant protests from the suffering victims are denounced as a conspiracy against social order. But protest

Within twenty-five years the Vanderbilt

estate has grown from \$5,000,000 to over

must be made, and made effectively. Combined labor is making itself felt in unfastening the relentless grasp of corporate monopoly from its throat. It is the natural result of combinations of capital. Against a great corporate monopoly controlling the railroad service of several states and gathering enormous profits from the public necessities the individual laborer is a mere helpless atom. If he could deal with his employer face to face he might settle his own disputes, but he has to deal with the impersonal power of consolidated capital, and he sees no means of meeting it but by an opposing consolidation, in which his individual judgment and action shall be absorbed in the impersonal judgment and action of his labor organization. Trades-uniopism is thus the necessary consequence of monopoly. It is an effort to preserve the rights and

ening power of the few.

interests of the many against the threat-

The Real Estate Market. There are signs of heavy speculation in Omaha real estate during the present season. Prices of all classes of property are rising with remarkable rapidity and hundreds of acres of new additions are being platted and thrown upon the mar ket. There are enough lots now laid out in the outskirts of Omaha to meet the requirements of a city of four times its -ize, While the steady advance in property in a growing city like our own is natural and healthy there is such a thing as fostering an unnatural and a damaging speculation in municipal realty. When lots on the outskirts are advanced in a proportion four times that at which real estate in the business portions of the city increase in value, the boom is largely a speculative one. Wholesale purchases of property on a narrow margin of actual investment simply for the purpose of turning them over to a higher bidder at the first opportunity presented, is nothing more nor less than speculation, pure and simple. It creates an artificial demand, which lasts while the craze continues, but it does not advance the general interest in the long

Denver has undergone a spec ulative craze in real estate and the Tribune reads its patrons the follow-

ing lecture upon the effects: The attempts to get up a real estate boom are to be deprecated. Speculative excitement in city property is not half so desirable for the community as many sensible men are in-clined to think. A steady, regular growth is by all means to be preferred. A rapid advance at any time simply means that a check and reaction must come in its train. The more rapid the advance the more severe the check and the more prolonged the reac tion are sure to be. Climbing up the hill to slide down again is fun for boys, but it dosen't pay in business. It has now taken Denver fully four years to recover from the exaggerated prices which her real estate reached nuder the impulse of the boom, Speculators who then believed that there was

and cooling their enthusiasm through all this long duil period. They have simply been compelled to wait for the city to grow up to the prices they put on their property. Now that it has done this and reality is beginning to move upward it is folly to expect a repetiture of the condition of the property of the condition of the president. It is said he is disgusted at the treatment he has received from the president. Chicago News: Senatur Edmunds having freed his mind and had his whack at the president, let us hope that the senate will now drag itself out of its condition of innoverse and the said of the president. tion of the last unprecedented advance. It is the part of wisdom not to overdo a forutnate

This is good advice which Omaha can profit by in advance of the necessity which in Denver has called it forth.

The Business Situation. The expected spring boom has not yet put in an appearance in business circles. The trade movement is characterized as one of moderate activity only, and it has not gained the force and volume predicted by sanguine traders earlier in the season. The widespread and extending labor troubles are measureably responsible for the hesitating progress of commercial affairs. The crippling of operations in affected industries has an adverse effect upon dependent business interests, and the spreading agitation increases conservatism in many branches of production not directly concerned in existing disputes. Much of the professed apprehension of labor strikes or the effect of higher wages upon certain manufacturers and projected industrial operations is doubtless the makeshift of buyers to depress the market prices of raw materials; but enough of it is real to throw an element of uncertainty into business calculations and dull the edge of enterprise. There is satisfactory improvement in the dry goods trade, but the general jobbing interests do not show a similar gain. All things considered, however, the merchandise distribution is very fair, and there is a general hopefulness of an early adjustment of labor controversies and more confident and active movements in all branches of business. Trade failures are decreasing in all sections of the country-especially in the

Eastern and Middle States. Manufacturers report extensive orders ahead. This is especially the case in textile fabries. Iron continues firm, with a moderate demand. The grain trade is fairly active, with wheat showing a hardening and corn a lower tendency. The strength of wheat is due to the gradual reduction of domestic stocks, the moderate improvement in foreign demand and the possibility of accident to the growing crop. The March report of the department of agriculture makes the visible and invisible supply of wheat in the country on the 21st instant 150,000,000 bushels, against 210,000,-000 bushels at the same time last year. There is nothing to indicate that any serious damage has been done to the growing winter wheat by the variable weather of the past month. Spring seeding in the northwest is not likely to get fairly under way before the first week in April. From the Pacific slope the crop reports thus far are very encouraging, and a big vield of wheat is confidentially anticipated. Corn stocks at principal points of accumulation in this country have increased in the aggregate nearly 1,500,000 bushels since last week, but much of the supply now at the commercial centers is banked against contracts for future delivery, and is not pressing on the market.

Where Was the Canspiracy? The tax payers of Omaha who are interested in the question of paving have been congratulated by the Herald upon their hairbreadth escape from a very dangerous conspiracy. This was nothing delay on the part of the council for the purpose of enabling property owners to revise their judgment with regard to paying materials. This effort to prevent hasty action under pressure from interested contractors is denounced as a con-

spiracy against the welfare of Omaha. Since the BEE is arraigned as the great conspirator, it picks up the gauntlet and challenges the champion of the wooden pavement job, or the contractors, to produce a scintilla of proof that this paper ever has been or is now influenced by corrupt motives or pecuniary gain in the position it has maintained in any discussion relating to public improvements. We dare these parties to name a single instance in which this paper or its owners were directly or indirectly interested in paving, water-works, sewering or grading. On the contrary, we have, from the outset, opposed every species of corrupt jobbery in connection with public works. Can the Herald say the same for itself and its owners?

The BEE has no interest, financially or politically, in the choice of paving materials, except so far as we are interested as a general taxpayer with all other taxpayers in preventing foolish and reckless investment in improvements and materials that have failed to stand the test anywhere. When we urged the council to extend the time for the choice of paving materials, we did so in the public interest. If this beclashed with the private interest of contractors, whether they be friend or foe, we have no apology to offer. if there has been any conspiracy we ask the unbiased public to judge who the conspirators are.

Telegrams from Arizona announce that the Apaches are coming in, and will surrender unconditionally to General Crook. The reports of a previous conference between Crook and Geronimo are denounced as unture. The Apache campaign, however, closes too late for any influence on the major generalship which goes to Howard.

SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN.

Senator Thurman drinks nothing stronger than Apollinaris water, at present.

The fact that Senator Mahone occasionally gives republican dinners and does not invite Senator Riddleberger is attracting notice in Washington.

Senator Vest, of Missouri, has lost forty or fifty pounds in weight during his illness of the last few weeks. It is said there is nothing like sickness to pull down the vest.

Senator Edmunds rides in a street car between the capitol and his home. He seeks to get a forward corner so as to look out of the window and escape the bore of chance recognitions.

Senator Logan has made a contract to write series of articles on "Reminiscenes of the Late War's for the National Tribune of Washington. The first article will appear in April.

a Senator Evarts, when a boy, lived in Pinckney street, Boston. A schoolmate of says him that he was a lank, ungamiy lad, who usually got the worst of it in the rough and tumble

games of the roystering schoolboys. Congressman Patrick A. Collins, of Massachusetts has written a letter notifying his ue top to the sky have been holding the bag | constituents that he will not accept a renomi-

ocuous desuctude and flo some of the business for which the people pay it.

Congressman O'Hara's skin is of the shade of well-tanned and seasoned leather. His mustache and whiskers are kept carefully trimmed. He smokes egarettes. He is tall and carries himself well, and the bald spot on the top of his head is cut after an aristocratic pattern.

A Poke at Pulitzer.

Chicago Times. Congressman Pulitzer, who reports the bill opposing the civil service act, shows thereby that he takes no more stock in the editorials of his own paper than the general public

Crime and Politics in New York.

New York Times. The connection of crime and politics in his city is so common and so close that the trail of crime may at any time lead to the door of an alderman or an influential politi-

Always With the Minority. Dr. Miller anticipates another defeat by

declaring: "The Omaha Herald is for

straight democracy." The doctor has somehow always managed to keep on the side of the minority. Give it a High Toned Name. Norristonen Herald.

Young ladies of Germantown give "keno" parties. They make a serious mistake by not calling it "progressive keno" and playing

for prizes. Then we Christian people could take a hand without wreeking our religion. Hall County's Opportunity. Grand Island Independent. Gen. Thayer can be nominated and elected governor of Nebraska without the least difficuty, if Hall county will but send a true, ac-

tive and able delegation to the republican

convention for him, and it is an opportunity Hall county should not lose sight of. A Tough-Looking Portrait Gallery. Lincoln Journal.

It is a tough-looking portrait gallery that the Omaha Herald of Sunday last presents

accused of killing Mrs. Lauer as one will see when one examines the descriptive list. Radically Imperfect.

on its first page in connection with the

Lauer murder trial. But they are not all

Chicago Mail. No matter how we may view the present gigantic revolt of labor against capital in the southwest-whether we hold that the strikers are right or wrong-it is a palpable fact that the system which permits such frequent and disastrous misunderstandings is radically imperfect.

An Urgent Deficiency.

New York Tribune. "This is Senator Vorbees, I believe?" said Washington tramp to the Tall Sycamore of the Wabash recently. "It is," was the reply. 'And I think you are in favor of the urgent deficiency bill?" "I am," "Ah! Then give me a quarter, senator, for I'm the worst case of urgent deficiency you ever saw!" The quarter came.

Hanged the Wrong Man. Chteano Herald

The ex-confederate colonel in West Virginia named Witcher, whose lynching by a mob for the murder of his fifth wife has been reported with great detail, publishes a card to the effect that he is still living, that he is not aware that he has murdered anybody, and that he is soon to be married for a sixth time. It certainly looks as though the mob had hanged the wrong man.

False Pretenses.

The lingering faith of the mugwumps in Mr. Cleveland's sincerity as a civil service reformer is saved from being ludicrous only by its pathetic simplicity. Had a republican administration gone into power a yearago and repudiated its reform professions as contemptuously in a twelvementh as the present one has, these mourning mugwumps would have had it indicted for obtaining goods under false pretenses long ago.

A Good Word for Father Betts.

St. Louis Republican. Rev. Dr. George C. Betts preached his farewell sermon in St. Louis Sunday and in a few days he will leave the city to make his home in Louisville. No matter what view one may take of the recent unfortunate differences in the Episcopal church, it is a matter of general regret that Dr. Betts is to leave Not alone in the church, but beyond it, he was ecognized as an able, eloquent and successful divine, and a worthy, consistent and plous Christian. None can blame him that he had the courage of his convictions, and whether his convictions were right or wrong is not now the question. By his departure the St. Louis church loses one of its foremost preachers and society one of its most pleasant members.

Innocuous Desuetude

Washington Critic. "Dear sir" he said, "I'd like to ask, Unless the question's rude, What means those strange and mystic words, 'Innocuous desuctude?" 'Of course the question is not rude,"

The other man replies. They mean, you see the business man Who does not advertise."

STATE AND TERRITORY.

Nebraska Jottings. The Fremont creamery is being enlarged. Grand | Island shipped 1,523 cars of

freight last year. A temperance tabernacle, 44x100, is projected in Fremont.

The spelling match craze has been revived at Fullerton.

The Busch farm near Nebraska City vas recently sold to an Iowa stockman for \$7.500. A North Bend calf sports five legs. Th

surplus member is used exclusively for kicking purposes. This year Oakland expects to lay over the combined record of the past five years

in the building line.

The Episcopal society of Grand Island has accumulated \$1,000 as a starter for a new house of worship.
The new Lutheran church at Grand Island, which was dedicated last Sunday, cost \$18,000 and is free of debt.

The body of a babe sewed up in a canvass sack, with a lump of coal for a sinker, was tished out of the river near

Antelope county is howling against the expense bills of the district court. The fate of the O'Neill editors whom Judge The Sharon bequest of \$50,000 to the Tiffany crushed with a single scowl seems to have had no effect on the kick Some hardened wretch, with no hope of

reward in the hereafter, scalped the cat in the office of the Columbus Democrat and filched from the till the savings of a lifetime of toil, \$4.15, and escaped. A bunch of benevolent citizens rushed to the rescue and the Democrat was saved from disaster.

Frank Rottger, a substantial Otoe county farmer, forwarded his age, color of hair, the size of his pile, and his photo to several marriageable maidens in the fatherland, last fall. The returns began coming in last week. Anna Mexner ar-rived in Nebraska City, and in less than two hours she was Mrs. Rottger.

A novel grain carriage has been con-structed by a David City man named Williams. It consists of two drums about seven feet in diameter, which hold 120 bushels of grain, and also serve as the wheels of the vehicle. The drums are

raised about six inches from the ground by wooden rims, which are tired like any ordinary wheels. An axle, tongue and

driver's seat complete the machine The Fremont board of trade has hit upon a new scheme to advertise the town The scheme will consist in alternate quarterly issues of the Tribune and the Herald. Each will consist of 5,000 copies of a twelve-page, six-column paper, devoted to the interests of Fremont, and illustrated with maps and cuts to make it valuable and instructive. The papers will be circulated where they will do the

A lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen was organized at Ackinson last week. There were eighteen charter week. There were eighteen charter members. The officers elect are: T. W. Iron, P. M. W.; J. W. Burger, M. W.; C. P. Richmond, foreman; G. W. Meals, O.; A. W. Miller, recorder; I. R. Whitney, financier; Seth Woods, receiver; J. R. Case, G.; J. W. Jackson, I. W.; S. D. Orcutt, O. W.; T. C. Gook, treasurer; Philip Bulfer, treasurer and director; A. T. Blackburn, medical examiner. This order is rapidly growing in membership and the prospects now are for full 2,000 and the prospects now are for full 2,000 and a grand lodge for Nebraska fully organized by April 10th next, as only bout six members for each lodge is now lacking.

Iowa Items. Sioux City brags of her spring suit of

city officials. Creston has organized two circuses and vet cries out for a free mail delivery. S. J. Smith, of Burlington, has instituted a suit for \$20,000 against Christ Geyer, proprietor of the Union hotel in that city, for selling his minor son intoxicating liquors.

A small Indian boy, on his way from Pine Ridge agency to the Philadelphia schools, fell from a passenger train near Denison on Saturday, and was seriously injured.

Dan Earp of Elliott surrendered to the sheriff last week and confessed to having been the principal acting party in a recent forgery committed in that neighborhood. The forgery consisted of two notes, amounting to \$525, which were disposed of at a slight discount.

Mrs. Christine Redeker, a woman 55 years of age, made a desperate effort to commit suicide Saturday morning at Davenport, by hanging herself to a lamp hook in the ceiling of her room with a bed cord. The rope broke and she failed in this method of self destruction. She then went out of doors and threw herself into the cistern, breaking her neck in the

There was an interesting relic on exhibition at the G. A. R. fair at Perry last week, in the shape of a testament and an another small book, the two being pinned together by a minic ball. The relic was sent by John Bish of Rippey, who was in company H of the Tenth Iowa volunteers. The ball was received while on duty in line of battle at Champion Hill, May 16,

Dakota. The Iron Hill mine turns out \$1,000

worth of bullion a day. There are at present 110 G. A. R. posts in Dakota, and the membership is grow ing rapidly.

The Odd Fellows of central Dakota will celebrate the seventy-sixth anniversary of the organization of the order at Woonsocket April 26. Edgerton, in Charles Mix county, has

organized a church of genuine Dutch-Hol landers from the old country. They are industrious and prosperous citizens, and take great interest in church matters. There is considerable excitement at

Castalia over the report that coal had been found on the Ashley farm, one mile south of town. A three-foot vein has been struck at a depth of fifty-seven feet. be equal to the best Fort Dodge coal. Preparations are being made to sink a shaft at once.

Wyoming. The saloons in Montpelier were wiped

out by fire last week. The new depot at Cheyenne Is to be built of stone from the Stout stone quarries, near Fort Collins, Col. The Union Pacific has already ordered 150 cars to be gathered at Fort Collins for hauling the

Prof. Stone, of the Laramie chemical works, is quite elated over one of his experiments. He ran off a batch of five tons of carbonate of soda and it is so pure and good, so superior to the soda generfound in the market, that he is greatly pleased. A petition has been filed in the terri-

torial court, signed by Luke Vorhees et al, setting forth that the last legislature was an illegal body, and praying that the court interpose its power to pre vent the payment of appropriations made by the legislature. The appropriation bill providing for

the ensuing two years' expenditures and the expenses of the legislative session, foots up \$78,000, or \$39,000 per year. In addition thereto \$6,500 has already been appropriated for the fish commission, making a total of \$84,500, which is about \$5,000 more than was appropriated two years ago.

Montana. Helena is considering the street car

question. The Gloster mine turned out \$50,000 in bullion during February. The shipment of silver bars from Butte

last week amounted to \$70,048. Silver Bow county indebtedness is only \$2,900, and there is \$68,611 cash in the treasury.

The bride of Millionaire Tommy Crus is the sister, not the daughter, of T. H. Carter of Helena, as has been stated in the BEE. Her father is Edward C. Carter, of Canon City, Col.

The bullion shipment from the silver mills of Butte for the month of February, 1885, amounted to \$306,840. For the same period this year the shipments were \$332-180,—showing an increase of \$25,940. The shipments for the first week of March, 1885, were \$85,460, and the first week of March, 1886, the bullion output was \$91,008—showing an increase of

The Pacific Coast. The California fruit union bas colapsed. The freight war did it. The Chinese are going. The last steamer bound for China took away 1,200

mongols. The anti-Chinese convention in Sacra mento last week was composed of 1,000 delegates, representing every city and village in the state. A state league was organized.

park commissioners of San Francisco will be used in constructing a magnificent granite gateway over the main entrance The Alaskan of January 30th says

Since 1870 the territory of Alaska has paid into the treasury of the United States over \$4,500,000, net revenue from the rental from the seal fur franchise alone and is still paying an annual revenue of over \$300,000 therefrom.

Many cosmetics for the complexion have from time to time been put upon the market. But noch have stood the test as has Pozzoni's medicated complexion powder. It is an absolute curative for blotches, discolorations, freekles, etc. For sale by druggists and at depot 607 N. Sixth street.

DEFENDING A GOOD CIGAR

A Boston Parson, Called to Account for Smoking, Makes a Vigorous Reply.

A Model for Brother Harris, of Oma ha, Who Has Been Assailed for Polluting the Air with Tobacco Smoke.

A Boston dispatch of March 15th says:

A vigorous anti-tobacco crusade has sprung up hereabouts, which has begun to make serious trouble in the churches, The most prominent of Boston clergy men who enjoy a good cigar is Rev. R. R. Meredith, pastor of one of the richest Congregational churches in town. For years Tremont Temple has been packed very Saturday afternoon by Sundayschool teachers of all the evangelical denominations, who gather to listen to Dr. Meredith's view upon the inter-national Sunday-school lessons. A week ago Saturday, among the questions asked from the audience was one reflect-ing upon Dr. Meredith's habit of smokng. The audience made a vigorous demonstration in support of the question-er's position. Rev. Dr. Meredith re-plied very energetically, but he was highly incensed, and after the services e notified the committee in charge that he would never again conduct Saturday afternoon Bible class. I body was taken aback by this decision, and the combined urging of his friends induced Dr. Meredith to change his Before considering the lesson as signed for last Saturday afternoon, how ever, he addressed his great audience

with much emphasis as follows: "Last Saturday a class closed with a scene that was painful and discouraging to me. Some one on the floor quoted a passage of Scripture with which, in the subsequent application others seemed to desire to make it appear that I was not in sympathy. It was intimated that I did not make it one of the guiding rules of my life. I argued in favor of careful discrimination in our teaching. The discussion led to the asking of a question regarding the use of cigarettes by boys. I denounced the practice unsparingly. Then some one shouted out:

'How about a good cigary'
'I responded: 'That is a very different "Tresponded: 'That is a very different thing.' And I repeat that answer now. Understand me distinctly, however, that what I said and say now was not said in defense of myself. He is a very weak man who defends himself before a court having no jurisdiction. I am not on trial before you. I deny your right to judge a single act of mine. What I say here you may judge of, and if you do not like my words throw them over your shoulder. But you shall not one of you sit in judgment upon any act of mine. You have no jurisdiction. I endeavored to argue the necessity for discrimination in teaching, and you forced upon me the appli-cation. I am willing to make that application again. Let me tell you there is a great difference between the use of vile drugged cigarettes by growing boys and the indulgence of a cigar by a full grown man. It is true, and you might as well face the fact, that there are tens of thousands of God-like, God-fearing men in the church of God to-day who honestly believe it is as innocent to enjoy a good ci-gar as it is to drink a cup of coffee. You

might as well take the fact as you find it If you discriminately denounce the use of tobacco to a young boy, ten to one he will laugh at you and side with his father, who smokes I may be wrong in all this, but I am open to conviction. Understand, however, that I cannot be convinced here; neither can I be convinced by anonymous letters. There may be men who would lose their lives rather than smoke a eigar, but who would stoop to write an anonymous letter. I would rather cut off my right hand rather than write such a letter. It has been my habit for years never to read an unsigned let-For some time, however, I have asked you, with good results, to send me anonymous questions upon the lesson to be answered from this platform, but this week I have found men who could get so much that is vile and abusive upon the back of a postal card that I tell you now that I will never read another that is not signed. If any one wants to reach me he must sign his name. I am a vigorous Protestant. I do not believe the best man that ever lived had a conscience big enough

govern more than one man. Turn what conscience you have, brother, upon your own habits and life. If you want to convince me that I am wrong in this matter you must come to me respectfully. I cannot listen to you otherwise with any self-respect. If you want to convince me, come to me pleasantly and calmly, and I will give you every spare minute I have, and let you sail in. Understand me perfectly. I am not saying this in me perfectly. I am not saying this in self-defense, only that we may perfectly understand our relations here. I always seek to avoid controversies over sub-jects upon which there are honest dif-ferences of opinion. When I have vielded and expressed my views it mad been because it would some cowardly from the float lave forced it. With this

to bear toward you, we will consider to day's lesson. This stinging rebuke was received b the audience almost in silence. A few applauded the more caustic sentences, but sympathies of the majority evidently not in harmony with the

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